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MEMORANDUM THRU HEADQUARTERS, IMA, ATTN: SFIM-OP, 2511 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY, ARLINGTON, VA 22202-3928

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Nomination of Performers and Technicians for the 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show

1. Nominations for performer and technician positions in the 2009 U.S. Army Soldier Show are requested from Regional IMA offices. Regional representatives are requested to disseminate to command BOSS program coordinators and local MWR points of contact. Every effort should be made to ensure the widest possible distribution through command channels, reaching units at the installation level.
2. Nominations for performers are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians, and specialty acts. Nominations for technicians are also being accepted for lighting, audio, video, costuming and stage technology. The Army Soldier Show is a highly integrated, high-energy ensemble production, offering a wide range of popular music and stage spectacle. Performers and technicians with past experience in theatre leadership, teambuilding, and mechanical or electrical aptitude will also be considered for other positions such as stage manager, etc.
3. The selection of nominees through local installation and/or regional level competition is encouraged, but not required. The generation of nominations through competitive processes, at any level, should not be construed as restricting individual Soldiers from submitting audition packets through other avenues. Installation point of contact information is attached and should be utilized unless time constraints dictate direct submission through the regions.
4. Nomination packets must be received by the Selection Committee NLT **31 December 2008**. Packages should be sent via **U.S. Postal Service** to:
U.S. Army Soldier Show, ATTN: 2009 Selection Committee, PO BOX 439,
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060.

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5. All nominations must include the following:

- a. Name, rank, SSN, unit address, duty phone, email address, and area(s) of specialty for performer (singer, dancer, etc.) or area(s) of specialty for technician (lighting, audio, carpentry, electrical work, etc.). Please ensure this information is current and accurate.**
- b. Official DA photo or similar photo in uniform.**
- c. Copy of current enlisted or officer record brief.**
- d. For performer nominees, submit a DVD or video cassette showing musical styles, vocal range and special talents, with emphasis on musical variety. The following format is recommended: a spoken introduction, a minimum of two songs of contrasting styles, and a segment devoted to additional talents such as dance or instrumental performance. Musician nominees must also submit an audio CD of good quality. (This is in conjunction with the above criterion.)**
- e. For dancer nominees, submit a DVD or video cassette showing different dancing styles. The following format is recommended: spoken introduction, a minimum of two performance numbers showing different techniques and solo and/or partner styles. A dance resume is also encouraged listing training if applicable. Indicate additional talents as well.**
- f. For technician nominees, a technical experience resume including experience in sound, lighting, construction, carpentry and stage management must be submitted. It is also strongly recommended to submit any photos of past work. Performers may include technical expertise in their resumes.**
- g. All nominees must have a minimum of 90 days time in service remaining after completion of tour in November 2009. Nominees must meet height/weight standards IAW AR 600-9. A copy of the most recent record Army Physical Fitness Test must be provided (PT test should not be older than six months). Profiles will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.**
- h. Nominees must be deployable worldwide, as the Army Soldier Show will tour overseas areas.**

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6. Video auditions and technical review will take place mid-January 2009 and finalists will be notified by the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command/ US Army Entertainment Division (FMWRC/USAED) through their respective regional headquarters, with units and installations receiving an information copy of the notification. Administrative details are:

a. Units/installations will confirm selectee(s) availability NLT 23 January 2009 directly to FMWRC/USAED with an information copy furnished to the respective regional headquarters.

b. The TDY orders will be issued and all costs will be paid by FMWRC for travel to the final audition process. Following the final audition process, selectees will be attached to FMWRC through 30 November 2009 and non-selectees will be returned to their respective units.

c. Attachment orders will be issued by FMWRC.


d. All nominees must have a letter of release from their respective commands releasing them from 1 March 2009 through 30 November 2009. Technician candidates must have a letter of release from their respective commands releasing them from 1 February through 30 November 2009.

e. Soldiers selected for the 2009 Army Soldier Show will have change of duty or change of rater evaluation report completed prior to departure from the parent unit.

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7. Further information about the U.S. Army Soldier Show may be found on the website at www.ArmyEntertainment.net. Specific artistic and/or technical inquiries may be sent to Mr. Timothy Higdon at 703 806-3698 or DSN 656-3698 and military questions may be addressed to 1SG Cynthia Moody at DSN 656-4937 or 703 806-4937 or SFC Joseph Madison at 703 806-4936 or DSN 656-4937.


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